



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
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**Mass Times**

Saturdays 10.30am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
Sundays 9.30am, 11.30am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 9.30am  
*(Please note on Thursdays the church will be open for private prayer from 9.30am-10.00am except on Holydays of Obligations & special occasions)*

**Reconciliations** - Saturdays 11-12 noon

**Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

First & last Friday of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)  
5 OCTOBER 2025**

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS** - Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4, 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** - In this passage Jesus compares faith to a mustard seed and tells us that if our faith is strong enough anything is possible. I wonder how many of us actually believe this to be true! He then goes on to describe a situation where a master of a servant could invite him to share a meal instead of expecting to be served. We should be grateful for what people do for us whatever role that person has without taking into account how important or what status that role has. How often do we stereo type or take people for granted instead of showing them appreciation and respect? The final sentence says we are all merely servants. This maybe related to our work or our home life and will be at different levels. However, some of us only do the minimum expected of us instead of going the extra mile.

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS** - 2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19

**Fr KENNETH IWUNNA** will be residing in the presbytery during October. We welcome Fr Kenneth to our parish and wish him a joyful and blessed time with us.





**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2025** - Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church or donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code which will take you to a CAFOD virtual envelope where you can make your donation.

**CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFERS** - A new Diocesan Instruction is now in place whereby school forms will no longer need to be signed by the Parish Priest. All new school applications will only require a Certificate of Catholic Practice, signed by Fr Habte, which can be used for multiple schools.

In order to facilitate this process, please collect a yellow priest reference form from Fr Kenneth after Mass this weekend if you will be applying for your child to attend a Catholic secondary school this year. Please post the completed form through the presbytery letter box at 4 Brockley Park together with your contact details and [copy](#) Baptism certificate if your child was NOT baptised at St William of York by Sunday 18th October 2025. **Fr Habte will contact you if he has any points to discuss and we will let you know in good time when your child's Certificate of Catholic Practice may be collected .**

### **JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA) IN OUR PARISH**

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, The Church welcomes new enquirers who would like to have a conversation about the journey of faith that inspires all our lives. A new programme will begin again in October, our first session will start on Tuesday 7th October at 7:45pm in the lower hall, so we invite any member of our Parish community who is interested in finding out more about our faith. This is a joyous journey of exploration that we invite you to share in.



**RECONCILIATION SESSION 1** - We are pleased to advise our First Reconciliation and Eucharist session will commence on Sunday 5 October at 2.30pm in the church.

**SAFEGUARDING REMINDER** - Parents/Carers please accompany your children at all times when using the parish toilet facilities. Thank you

## BEWELL HUB NATURE WALK - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 11am -3pm.

These walks are an opportunity to walk, talk and get to know your fellow parishioners and others in our local community whilst taking in some nature on your doorstep.

Routes: There will be two routes, both leaving from St William of York at 11am and returning to Cafe York, where refreshments will be available. You can join or leave the walk at any point along the route. In particular, if you would like to bypass Blythe Hill, you can join either walk at the entry to Ladywell Fields on Ravensbourne Park from around 11.20 am.

Shorter route (2.8 miles) - St William of York > Blythe Hill Fields > Ladywell Fields > Cafe York

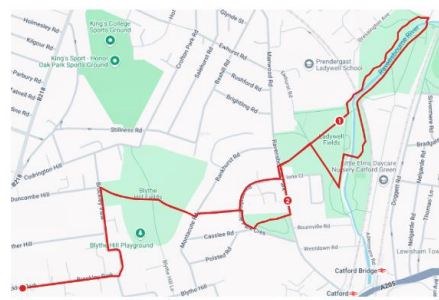
Longer Route (4 miles) - St William of York > Blythe Hill Fields > Ladywell Fields > River Pool Linear Park > Cafe York

Come prepared: Please wear suitable footwear for walking and layered clothing appropriate for the weather. Please come prepared for all weather, a bottle of water, a hat and sunscreen or an umbrella or hood. Please feel free to invite friends and family, all are welcome!

You can express your interest in joining the walk on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex, but feel free to join on the day if you don't get the chance. Please email [janetemmanuel@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janetemmanuel@hotmail.co.uk) if you have any questions.

Be Well SWOY Nature Walk  
Saturday 11 October 11-3pm

Join us for Tea and Cake after the walk



Shorter Route, 2.8 miles



Longer Route, 4 miles

**SHARING YOUR FAITH WORKSHOP** - The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis are hosting a Sharing Your Faith Workshop on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 10am-3:30pm** at Ss John Fisher and Thomas More, Eltham Well Hall. This one day workshop aims to explore what it means to share our Catholic Faith. There will be practical tips and plenty of opportunities for discussion. For more details, including how to register, please see poster at the end of the newsletter or in the Church. Any questions, please email [evangelisation@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:evangelisation@rcaos.org.uk)

**DAY OF RETREAT FOR LECTORS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** - There are two formation days coming up for readers and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist of the SE area of our Archdiocese. On **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October** at St Stephen's Church, Welling, 26 Deepdene Road, DA16 3QL. or **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October**, at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, Streatham, SW16 2HY. Each of the days will begin with tea and coffee at 9:30am, there will be three presentations and the day will end with Mass at 2.30pm. Please send an email to Mary at the parish office at [foresthill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:foresthill@rcaos.org.uk) to confirm the day you will be attending.

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER** - For collaboration between different religious traditions Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2026** - Sunday 2 November 6pm If your child is in Year 9, Year 10 or above and they would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be an information meeting for Candidates & Parents in the church on Sunday 2 November 2025 at 6pm. The preparation sessions will commence in January 2026.

**BEREAVEMENT TALK, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2pm-3pm** On Saturday 15 November we will be hosting representatives from St Christophers Hospice who will be talking to us about bereavement support. It will be a workshop that will encourage conversation and provide theory around what grief is, the confidence to talk about it and some tips on management of grief whether the loss be recent or a decades ago.

This will be the start of a programme of talks on Bereavement.  
If you are interested in attending this talk please write your name down on the sheet in the Narthex along with your telephone number and or email

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

**Sylvia Swift RIP**

(mother of Peter Swift)

**Funeral at St John's Church, St John's Rd, Farnborough**  
**Thursday 9 October at 1.30pm**

**George Okello RIP**

(younger brother of Aloysius Ojok Okello)

**Andrew Wellman RIP**

(brother-in-law of Theresa Wellman)

**Joan Ander RIP**

(mother of Jackie Bishop)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

**MASS ATTENDEES**

13/14 September - 324 20/21 September - 281 27/28 September - 343

**PARISH DIARY**

Sunday 5 Oct 2.30pm	Reconciliation Session 1	Church
Tuesday 7 Oct 7.45pm	RCIA 1st Session	Lower Hall
Thursday 9 Oct 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 11 Oct 11am	BeWell Nature Walk	Please see flyer
Saturday 18 or 25 October	Day of Retreat for Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers	Please see poster and register via Mary parish office
Sunday 19 October	Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Sunday 2 Nov 6pm	Confirmation Programme 2026 Meeting for parents/candidates years 9, 10 and above	Church
Saturday 15 Nov 2pm	Bereavement Talk	Cafe York



**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**World Day of prayer for Migrants and Refugees**

**Rosary Sunday**

**Saturday 4 October 2025**

**18:00** Tonino Del Guercio RIP

**Sunday 5 October 2025**

**09:30 Family Mass**

For the Parishioners

**11:30** Genowefa (Gina) Szczegolski RIP

**Monday 6 October 2025 - Feria**

**09:30** Angela Lopez RIP

**Tuesday 7 October 2025 - Our Lady of the Rosary**

**09:30** James Gallagher RIP

**Wednesday 8 October 2025 - Feria**

**09:30** Michael Davis RIP

**Thursday 9 October 2025 - St. John Henry Newman, Priest**

**09:30** Quiet Private Prayer (no Mass)

**Friday 10 October 2025 - Feria**

**09:30** Ashley Blaize RIP Anniversary

**Saturday 11 October 2025 - Feria**

**10:30** Alice Mary Gillett (FM)

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Families**

**Saturday 11 October 2025**

**18:00** Tim Ryan RIP

**Sunday 12 October 2025**

**09:30** For the Parishioners (live-streamed)

**11:30** Sue Hepworth RIP

Please note we will be unable to live-stream Masses during October.  
Apologies for any inconvenience.

(FM)=Foundation Mass



# SHARING YOUR FAITH WORKSHOP

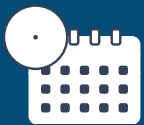
## IS THIS DAY FOR ME?

**A one day workshop exploring what it means to Share our Catholic Faith and why we can all do it. We will cover practical tips and have plenty of opportunities for discussion and practice with small groups.**

## WORKSHOPS

**Some of the topics covered:**

**The necessity of prayer | What does it mean to Share Your Faith?  
The Thresholds of Conversion | Using Scripture in Evangelisation  
Practical skills for Sharing Your Faith with different people |  
What is good about the Good News? | Plus many more**



**SAT 11TH  
OCTOBER  
2025**

**Arrivals: 10:00am**

**Morning session:**

**10:30am–12:15pm**

**Afternoon session:**

**1:00pm–3:30pm**

**Bring your own lunch,  
refreshments  
provided.**



**Ss John Fisher &  
Thomas More,  
Eltham Well Hall**

**Parish Centre,  
Ss John Fisher and  
Thomas More Catholic  
Church, Arbroath Rd,  
London SE9 6RR**



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Now**

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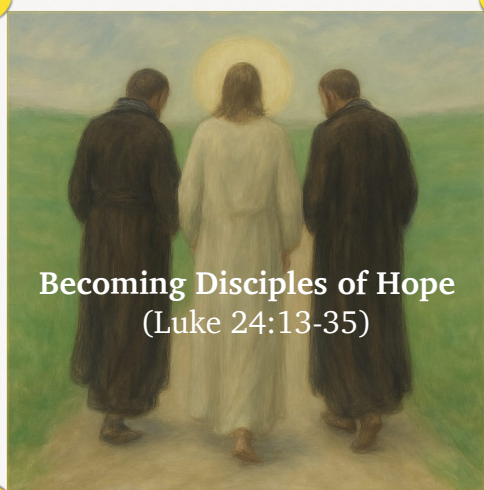


**£5 registration**

**[evangelisation@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:evangelisation@rcaos.org.uk)**



**Agency for Evangelisation  
and Catechesis  
ARCHDIOCESE of SOUTHWARK**



Becoming Disciples of Hope  
(Luke 24:13-35)



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**SOUTHWARK**

## DAY OF RETREAT

*for* **Lectors & Extraordinary**

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

Southeast Area of the Archdiocese of Southwark

### Saturday 18 October 2025

**Parishes in the Deaneries of Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich**

Saint Stephen's Church Welling, 26 Deepdene Road, Kent, DA16 3QL

### Saturday 25 October 2025

**Parishes in the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lewisham and Lambeth**

Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, Streatham, London, SW162HY

**Please, register via you own parish at: [evsoutheast@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:evsoutheast@rcaos.org.uk)**

**Deadline: Monday 29 September 2025**

## PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

**09:30:** Tea and Coffee

**10:00 - 1040:** **Welcome & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar, Southeast

**10.45am:** **Discipleship of Hope** - Canon Edward Perera, Dean of Bexley

**11.30am:** Q&A

**11.45am:** Break

**12 noon:** **Virtual Missionary; How the Church can thrive in the digital space** - Father Antony Megalan Sellam, Dean of Lewisham

**12.45pm:** Q&A

**1pm:** Lunch - Bring your own packed lunch

**1.30pm:** **Liturgy of Witness** - Father Stephen Wymer, Dean of Bromley

**2.15pm:** Q&A

**2.30pm:** Mass

**18th October Homily** - Father Richard Plunkett, Dean of Greenwich

**25th October Homily** - Father Valentine Erhahon, Dean of Lambeth

**Music:** Father Bartłomiej Dudek, Dean of Camberwell



# Free webinar — register now!

We welcome **all** to join the Archdiocese of Southwark's **Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion** for a timely webinar exploring how cultural and ethnic identities can be celebrated within our parishes.

Held in October (the month dedicated to Our Lady) — this webinar offers a meaningful opportunity to reflect, share and entrust our work to Mary's intercession.


## What to expect:

- ✓ Reflections on the Archdiocese's ongoing story of inclusion, plus real stories from parishes
- ✓ A lively panel discussion with clergy and parish/chaplaincy reps
- ✓ Practical tools and next steps for your parish/ministry



For more information contact:

 [caritassouthwark@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:caritassouthwark@rcaos.org.uk)

 **07521 425400**

Scan the QR code  
to register for **free!**



**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

# SAVE THE DATE!

# SOUTH LONDON ASSEMBLY



**Where?** St George's Catholic Cathedral, SE1 7HY

**When?** 21 October, 6:30 to 8:30 PM.



## Why?

Join hundreds of leaders from across South London to celebrate progress on commitments around **HOUSING**, **LIVING WAGE** and **MIGRANT JUSTICE** and push NHS and local authority decision-makers to go further.



To get a **YES** on the commitments that matter to our communities,  
**We need YOU.**